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VARIATION IN MAIZE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AND AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Dear Examiner Robinson:

This is in response to the official action dated 11 August, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected Claims 2-6 and 8-17 based on: (1) wording technicalities in the claims; (2) nonstatutory double patenting; (3) written description (35 USC § 113); (4) enablement (35 USC § 113), and claim rejections (35 USC § 102).

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-17 are objected to because of informalities, and claims 4-6 and 9-17 as being in improper form because of a multiple dependent claim. The claims have been amended to correct the informalities in accordance with the Examiner's instructions, and to overcome the multiple dependent claims objections in accordance with the MPEP section 608.01(n) instructions. Accordingly, to overcome the objections please make the following amendments to the claims 3-6 and 8-17 and please add new claims 18, 19, 20 and 21 as set forth below.